

•NATIONAL GOVERNMENT.—It is a singular phenomenon that while our State governments are the very best in the world, without exception or comparison, our general government has in the rapid course of nine or ten years become more arbitrary and has swallowed up more of the public liberty than even that of England. (To John Taylor, 1798. F. VII., 311.)

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.—Education is here placed among the articles of public care, not that it would be proposed to take its ordinary branches out of the hands of private enterprise, which manages so much better all the concerns to which it is equal; but a public institution can only supply those sciences which, though rarely called for, are yet necessary to- complete the circle, all the parts of which contribute to the improvement of the country, and some of them to its preservation. The subject is now proposed for the consideration of Congress, because, if approved, by the time the State Legislature shall have deliberated on this extension of the federal trusts, and the laws shall be passed, and other arrangements made for their execution, the necessary funds will be on hand and without employment. I suppose an amendment to the Constitution, by consent of the States, necessary, because the objects now recommended are not among the enumerated in the Constitution, and to which it permits the public moneys to be applied.

The present consideration of a national establishment for education, particularly, is rendered proper by this circumstance also, that if Congress, approving the proposition, shall yet think it more eligible to found it on donation of lands, they have it now in their power to endow it with those which will be among the earliest to¹ produce the necessary income. This foundation would have the advantage of being independent of war, which may suspend other improvements by requiring for its own purposes the resources destined for them. (Sixth Annual Message, 1806. F. VIII., 494.)

NATURALIZATION.—All persons who by their own oath or affirmation, or by other testimony shall give satisfactory proof to any court of record in this Colony that they propose to reside in the same seven years at the least, and who shall subscribe